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2013 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #82

Summer Announcement #75, Subdistrict 5-D Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The cumulative passage estimate of approximately 23,500 Chinook salmon at the Eagle sonar site through August 1 is well below the historical average of 43,500 for this date. The preliminary projection at Eagle sonar for Chinook salmon passage is approximately 30,000 to 34,000 which would fall well below the Interim Management Escapement Goal of 42,500 to 55,000 adopted by the joint US-Canada Yukon River Panel and would not provide for Canadian harvest share levels specified in the Treaty Agreement.

The 2013 Chinook salmon run is nearly complete in the lower portion of Subdistrict 5-D while the remainder of the run continues to cross the border. Therefore, subsistence fishing schedules and restrictions in Subdistrict 5-D are being incrementally relaxed, beginning in Subdistrict 5-D Lower.

Subdistrict 5-D Lower (from an ADF&G regulatory marker 2 miles downstream of Waldron Creek upstream to the Hadweenzic River and including all adjacent tributaries, which includes the communities of Stevens Village and Beaver):

Subsistence salmon fishing is currently closed. Effective 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 6, subsistence salmon fishing will reopen and remain open 24-hours per day, 7 days per week. Fishermen may use gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or less and Chinook salmon may be retained for subsistence purposes.

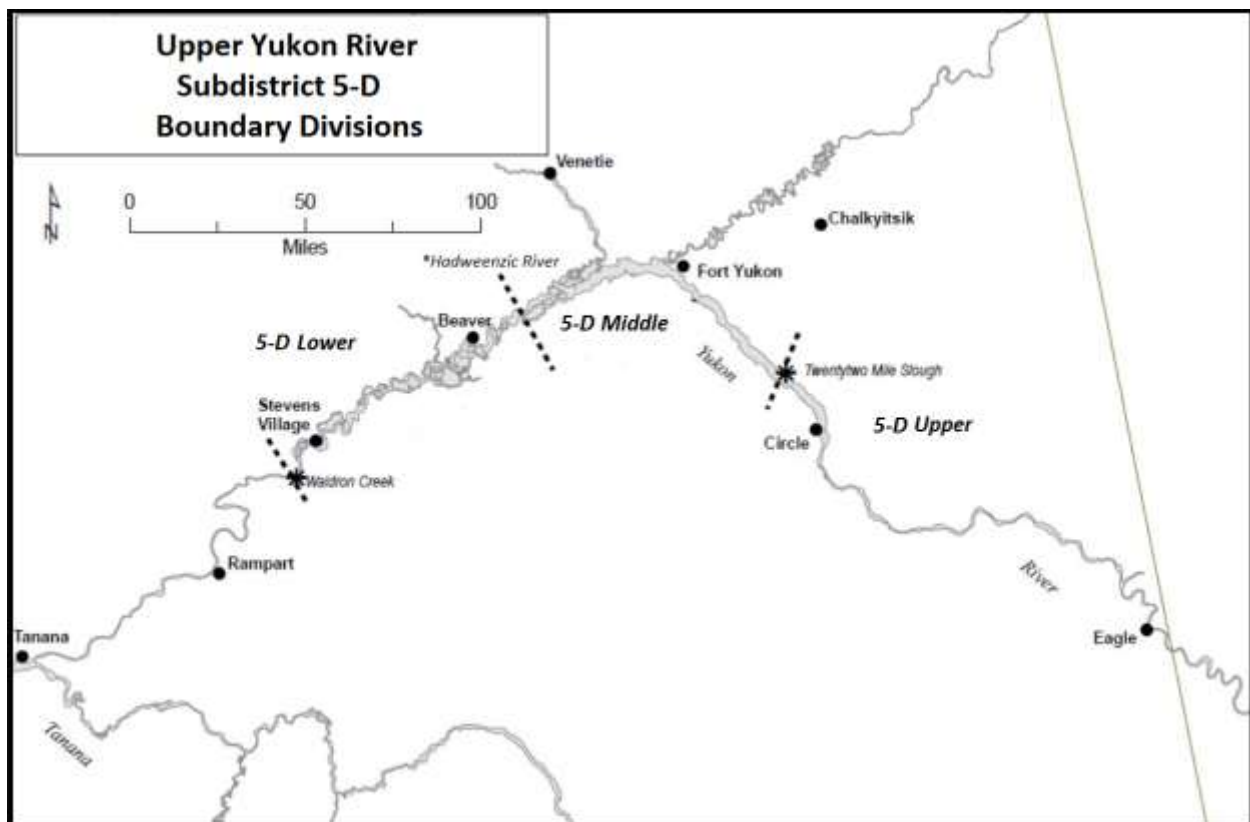
Subdistrict 5-D Middle (from the Hadweenzie River upstream to 22 Mile Slough and including the Porcupine River and all other adjacent tributaries, which includes the communities of Venetie, Fort Yukon, and Chalkyitsik):

Subsistence salmon fishing is currently closed. Effective 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 8, subsistence salmon fishing will reopen and remain open 24-hours per day, 7 days per week. Fishermen may use gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or less and Chinook salmon may be retained for subsistence purposes.

Subdistrict 5-D Upper (from 22 Mile Slough to the U.S./Canada border and including all adjacent tributaries, which includes the communities of Circle and Eagle):

Subsistence salmon fishing is currently closed. The department will notify fishermen by August 8 concerning when the subsistence salmon fishing restrictions and schedule will be relaxed in Subdistrict 5-D Upper.

Map 1: Division of Subdistrict 5-D



During subsistence salmon fishing closures, fish wheels may not be operated and gillnets with a mesh size greater than four inches and a length greater than 60 feet must be removed from the water.

The subsistence fishing schedule and recorded fishery announcements will be available 24 hours a day at 1-866-479-7387 (toll free outside of Fairbanks); in Fairbanks, call (907) 459-7387.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the ADFG office in Fairbanks at 459-7274. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service can be contacted in Fairbanks at 456-0418.

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